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FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 C.F.R. §1.63)**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR PRODUCING POWDER FOR SLUSH MOLDING**

the specification of which (check one)

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed on April 24, 2006 as United States Application No. 10/576,895 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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| Prior Foreign Application(s):  |                           |  | Priority<br>Not Claimed  |
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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